GEORGE McMILLAN

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Dear Jack:

I understand your desire not to do anything to hurt Jimmy's case. And I understand your desire to use whatever professional legal help that may be available to you. But I think you can see and talk with me without fouling up Jimmy's case at all.

I do not need to see you right away. Here's what I propose: we postpone our meeting and talk until after Jimmy's evidentiary hearing. My information is that that hearing will probably happen in June. That will eliminate any chance that you can hurt Jimmy's case. And it will keep my case alive. I should say our case. And what I should really say is that it is a case for almost any man who is serving time in federal prison.

I talked with Carol this morning. She thinks you may not have liked some things I said in that New York Times article. I'm sorry. But I'll tell you that the article is creating a lot of attention and is appearing in several prison magazines and newspapers.

I understand your position and I hope you will try to understand mine -- that this case has now become bigger than either of us. Don't let it drop just because you may be sore about something I wrote -- if you are sore. And you don't need now to let it drop since you understand that I don't need to see you until after Jimmy's evidentiary hearing.

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Also remember how high the case has gone. It is now up to the Federal Bureau of Prisons to decide whether it is going to go to the Supreme Court with the case. That is all they have left. The actual situation at this moment is that the Prison Bureau must decide whether to ask the Supreme Court for a stay. The stay would be to prevent my going in to see you now. Their next actual step is to go before a single Supreme Court Justice, Justice Brennan, and ask him for a stay. My attorneys believe that Justice Brennan would turn them down. If he does, then the Bureau of Prisons has to go before the full Supreme Court and ask for a stay. I don't know what would happen there. But anyway the case has become a very important one and I most sincerely hope that you will not cut it off at this point in its development. Will you write me a letter and tell me that you will agree to talk with me after Jimmy's evidentiary hearing?

Best regards,

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